REMARKS

Version With Markings To Show Changes Made

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE.

Summary

The foregoing amendments eliminate the multiple dependency of claims 3, 8, 13, 14 and 15, thereby reducing the filing fee. An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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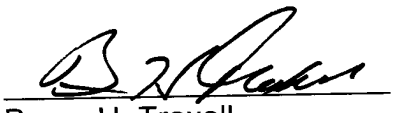
By: 

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 3, 8, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended, and new claims have been added as follows:

3. (Amended) The structure as defined in claim 1~~ or 2~~, wherein the supported member is selected from an H shaped steel, I shaped steel or the like with a cross section of two flanges and one web joined to the two flanges and the supporting members are disposed oppositely at spaces at both sides of the web.

8. (Amended) The structure as defined in claim 2,~~ 3 or 6,~~ wherein the supporting member is provided with a shape of non-prismatic cross section.

13. (Amended) The structure as defined in claim 1~~ or 9~~, wherein the supported member contact with the supporting member and no action is in between before the supported member being subjected to a load but the supported member endures a bending moment and occurs displacement and it results in an action between the supported member and the supporting member.

14. (Amended) The structure as defined in claim 1~~ or 9~~, wherein a clearance is between the supported member and the supporting member but the supported member contacts with the supporting member while a load is exerted to the supported member and deflection occurs due to a bending moment being endured by the supported member and then reaction is produced between the supporting member and the supported member.

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15. (Amended) The structure as defined in claim 1~~ or 9~~, wherein the supporting member and the supported member at the support spot have an action already in between before the frame being subjected to a load and when the supported member is subjected to a load, the action changes due to enduring a bending moment and occurring deflection.

17. (New) The structure as defined in claim 2, wherein the supported member is selected from an H shaped steel, I shaped steel or the like with a cross section of two flanges and one web joined to the two flanges and the supporting members are disposed oppositely at spaces at both sides of the web.

18. (New) The structure as defined in claim 3, wherein the supporting member is provided with a shape of non-prismatic cross section.

19. (New) The structure as defined in claim 6, wherein the supporting member is provided with a shape of non-prismatic cross section.

20. (New) The structure as defined in claim 9, wherein the supported member contact with the supporting member and no action is in between before the supported member being subjected to a load but the supported member endures a bending moment and occurs displacement and it results in an action between the supported member and the supporting member.

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21. (New) The structure as defined in claim 9, wherein a clearance is between the supported member and the supporting member but the supported member contacts with the supporting member while a load is exerted to the supported member and deflection occurs due to a bending moment being endured by the supported member and then reaction is produced between the supporting member and the supported member.

22. (New) The structure as defined in claim 9, wherein the supporting member and the supported member at the support spot have an action already in between before the frame being subjected to a load and when the supported member is subjected to a load, the action changes due to enduring a bending moment and occurring deflection.